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Subject to the provisions of Article 12, the General Assembly may recommend measures for the peaceful adjustment of any situation, regardless of origin, which it deems likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among nations, including situations resulting from a violation of the provisions of the present Charter setting forth the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. No explicit reference to Article 14 was made in resolutions adopted by organs of the United Nations during the period under review.
2. Article 14 was frequently referred to in conjunction with Articles 10, 11 and 12, and occasionally also with Articles 15, 17 and 35. These references, however, did not involve any constitutional discussion of the provisions of Article 14.
3. For these reasons only a General Survey has been included in this study.

GENERAL SURVEY

4. Resolutions 2202A (XXI), 2307 (XXII), 2396 (XXIII) and 2506B (XXIV), adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions on the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa, might be considered to have had a bearing on Article 14 since they recalled previous resolutions, some of which either used the language of, or explicitly invoked Article 14.¹ In the proceedings leading to the adoption of resolution 2202A (XXI), Article 14 was cited, together with Articles 10 and 12, by one representative who stated that the action called for by that resolution would exceed the powers of the General Assembly under Articles 10, 12 and 14.²

5. During the period under review, the General Assembly adopted resolutions 2220 (XXI), 2249 (S-V), 2308 (XXII), 2451 (XXIII) and 2576 (XXIV) on the item:

¹ G A resolutions 2202A (XXI), first preamb. para.; 2307 (XXII), first preamb. para.; 2396 (XXIII), first preamb. para.; 2506B (XXIV), first preamb. para. For treatment of earlier resolutions on this question having a bearing on Article 14, see previous studies on Article 14 in the *Repertory*, vol. 1, paras. 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 31-36; *Supplement No. 1*, vol. 1, paras. 2, 4, 8-10; *Supplement No. 2*, vol. II, paras. 2, 4, 6-9; and *Supplement No. 3*, vol. 1, paras. 1, 2, 6, 20-33.

² G A (XXI), Spec. Pol. Com., 542nd mtg.: Mexico, para. 39. See also the study on Article 10, para. 12.

“Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects”. In the course of the discussions which took place on the item in the Special Political Committee as well as in plenary meetings of the General Assembly, Article 14 was often referred to, in conjunction with Articles 10, 11 and 12 and, occasionally, also with Articles 15, 17 and 35.³ The relevant material has been treated under Articles 10 and 11 and reference should therefore be made to the studies under those Articles.⁴

6. Article 14 was referred to incidentally, together with other Articles of the Charter dealing with the powers of the General Assembly, during the debate of the question of South West Africa, but there was no constitutional discussion.⁵

³ For relevant statements, see G A (XXI), Spec. Pol. Com., 519th mtg.: Nigeria, para. 21; 522nd mtg.: Nepal, para. 5; USSR, para. 32; 543rd mtg.: Canada, para. 5; United States, para. 37. G A (XXI), Plen., 1499th mtg.: Liberia, para. 69; G A (XXII), Spec. Pol. Com., 579th mtg.: Poland, para. 29; 580th mtg.: Congo (Democratic Republic of), para. 104; Tunisia, para. 18; 581st mtg.: Honduras, para. 79. G A (XXIII), Spec. Pol. Com., 636th mtg.: United States, para. 38; 640th mtg., Congo (Democratic Republic of), para. 17.

⁴ See this *Supplement* under Article 10, para. 8 and Article 11, paras. 17-24.

⁵ G A (S-V), 1515th mtg.: Uruguay, para. 105.